

To:  
Council member At-Large Evan Glass  
Council Vice President Stewart  
Council member Albornoz

Re: Bill 3-24 Late Nite Establishments Hours of Operation

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed legislation. While it is a step in the right direction, it falls short of addressing the issues our community faces. The rapid increase of nightlife establishments, in particularly those offering the same services like hookah lounges and vape shops, has led to an increase in crime. Notably, neighboring jurisdictions like PG county, DC, and Baltimore county have implemented earlier closing times for similar establishments (PG and DC close at 8pm, Baltimore County at 12am), which seems reasonable. I question the rationale behind Silver Spring proposing 2 am closing time. I urge you to reconsider and align our legislation with the more measured approaches taken by our neighboring jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

Claudia Torrico